

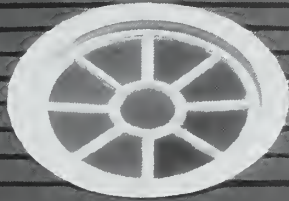
The Milestone 2003

Commencement Edition





Governor Dummer
Academy
Byfield, Massachusetts



ORIGINAL SCHOOL HOUSE
The First Boarding School in America
Built 1763 Reconstruction 1938



DEDICATION





In the estimation of the Class of 2003, there is no one more deserving of the honor of yearbook dedication than this individual. This person uses his talents to care for the GDA community each and every afternoon. Without him, the Governors could simply not exist. He uses his gifts to fix and tape our every ache and sprain. He knows each of us by name and ailment. His friendly voice can be heard over the radio and as he speeds away on a golf cart to help another person in need. Whether it's a broken helmet or a broken leg, we all know to ask him for help. His patience is nothing short of amazing. There is no limit to how far he will go to help anyone on this campus. He has been known to rise early in the morning to tape the ankle or quad of an injured student or faculty member so they can get through a day of classes. Not only has he earned the respect of the students, but also of his fellow faculty members. One colleague describes him by saying, "Every time you hear his name it's about something good; you never hear anything bad about him - never." He can always be found on the sidelines cheering the Governors on, whether it be to victory or defeat. He never gives up on the people of GDA. His kindness, compassion, and friendship know no bounds; he'll do whatever it takes to get the job done. We affectionately know him as "Wotty", and we all thank him for the phenomenal job that he does every day. He is the epitome of our school motto: "Non Sibi Sed Aliis".

For always being there when we needed a hand,
the 2003 Milestone is dedicated to:

Jeffrey Wotton

Editor Recognition



She has helped to make the last four years the best of my life. Her genuine concern for me, and the students, is simply remarkable. Her job is often thankless, but without her, our school would not be what it is today. I, along with the rest of her English students, always looked forward to her "Openings"; and her hockey team, to her enthusiasm and good humor. To say "thanks" to her is not enough; she has truly been an amazing part of my Governor Dummer experience. She has always been there for me, on the good days and the bad. She is always willing to stop whatever she is doing, and take time for me. She's a child at heart and the best advisor anyone could wish for. She is someone who deserves nothing but the best! Thanks for everything you have done for me! Even though I will definitely miss you next year, you can be sure that I'll be back...

Lynda F. Bromley



Awards 2003



Her laugh can be heard from one end of Phillips to the other. She always has a smile on her face whether she is greeting a prospective family, or simply making an announcement at morning meeting. Her work ethic is evident in everything she does; it doesn't matter if she is working to plan Commencement, an Open House for Admissions, or coaching the soccer team. Her bright smile and comfy couch are always welcoming me for a talk about anything that may be on my mind. I can be honest with her, without worrying that she will judge me about anything I share in our conversations. More than an advisor, she has been a friend and role model to me during my four years at GDA. I thank her for her friendship and guidance, inspiring notes and poems, and great sense of humor. She helps me whenever I need someone to turn to. I will miss her when I graduate, but I have no doubt we will remain close.

Samantha J. Boulais



Helping to make the trip a little smoother



Barry, Marc, Oli and Taso

"Oh Scout! I have a feeling we're
not in Byfield anymore."







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Black
Shell
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2003



When's the comedy tour?
Devan and Doug



Move over George Dubya
Julia and Allen



Call my agent
Shannon and John



Potential Criminals
Hilary and Sean



Campus Trendsetters
Liz and Tyler



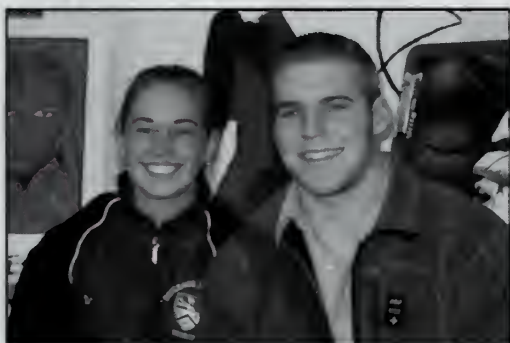
Most school spirit
Katherine and Taso



Worst Driver
Cory and Craig



Cutest Couple
Caroline and Chris



Most Artistic
Meg and Garrett



Bound for Carnegie Hall
Allison and Mike



Did they ever leave?
Laura and Dan



Always in the library
Katie and Amrit

Somewhere during the journey,
you have to pay the toll



Governor's Island

At some point during your four years,
you get shipwrecked!



The Class of 2003



Philip J. Anderson



Alexander L. Antell



Jennifer M. Arno



Marc R. Bastarache



Brandon A. Bates



Harold J. Baumann



Elizabeth D. Bernard



Devan L. Berry



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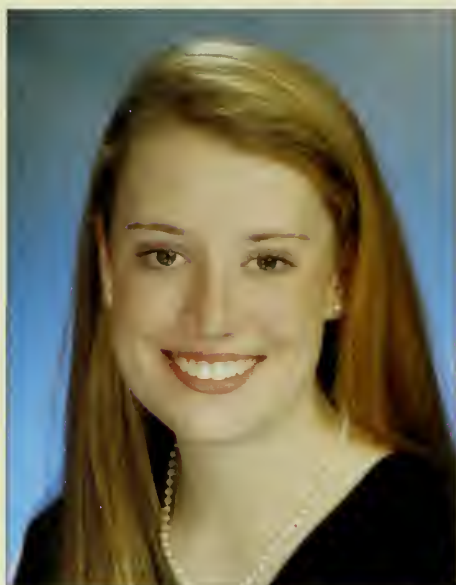
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Julian A. Cooney



Allen D. Cooper



Sean M. Corbett



Kristen M. DeForrest



Claire C. deLacuvier



Michelle De La Garza



Cory K. Demuth



Christopher M. DiGiuseppe



Elizabeth A. Dipple



Brooke M. Eaton



Christopher J. Ebinger



Laura E. Ellison



Shannon L. Falvey



Amanda E. Gilmore



Benjamin J. Gobin



Jessica G. Gray



Eden M. Gudonis



Daniel J. Guyton



Katherine C.J. Harris



Alexandra B. Heersink



Elizabeth A. Hicks-Kridel



Kyle Hong



Timothy D. Hosmer



Erin A. House



Katherine A. Hugo



Timothy S. Johnson



Anastasios Kapernekas



Christopher T. Kelley



Sung-Jin Kil



Maria C. Knapp



Megan A. Lagasse



Karthlin M. Lang



Alicia A. LeBlanc



John F. Leonard IV



Laura M. Liacos



Andrew M. Lundquist



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Garrett A. Lyons



Allison L. Marcoux



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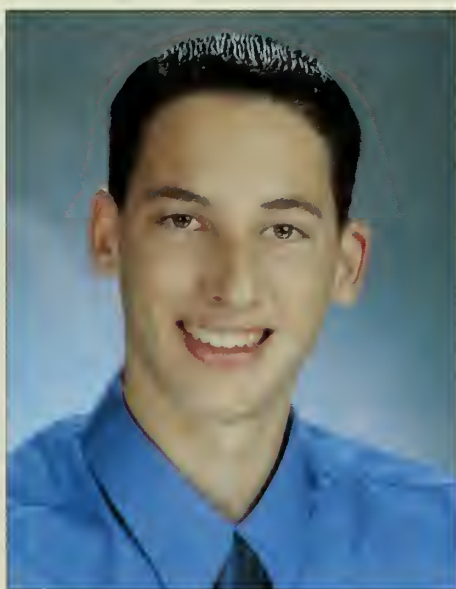
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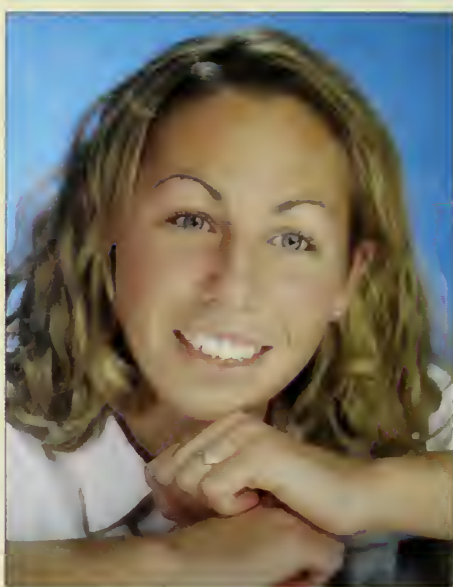
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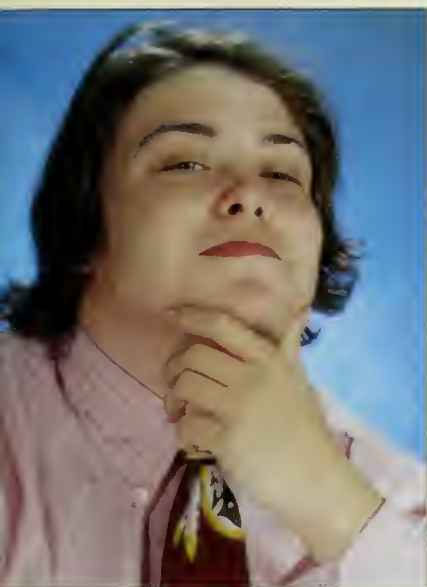
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Erin G. Shedd



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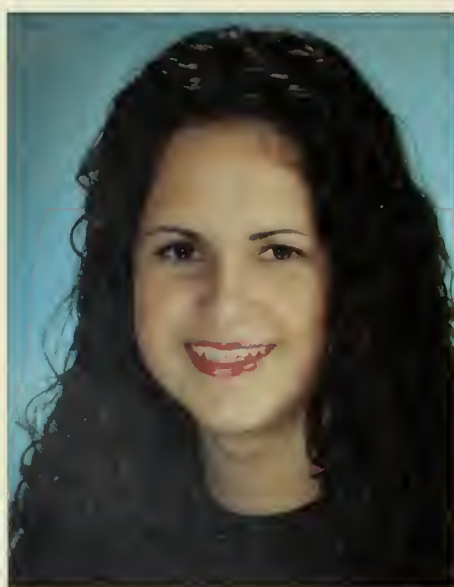
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Allison L. Tsao



Douglas B. Turnbull



Susana E. Valverde



Jenna M. Wade



Jonathan R. Weiss



Kendra L. Wroblewski



Hilary A. Wyner



Willy Yoo



Tyler D. Youngblood



Simon A. Zirin



the parent ads



Never Ordinary



Always Extraordinary

**Stephanie,
We are so proud of you and your achievements at GDA.
Congratulations to you and the Class of 2003!**

**All our love,
Dad and Nan**

Stephanie Carter



Allison,
Life is like a dressage
test; move forward
with confidence, stay
focused on the
endless circles, don't
get frustrated if you
have to halt and back-
up, and keep your faith
through the tear
drops.



Respect your judges
and remember that
your family will always be
there for you. So take
a deep breath, enter
at 4, and enjoy the
ride.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Nathan,
Madison & Armani

Allison Tsao

HEY BIRD!
YOU ROCK OUR WORLD!
LOOK OUT COLLEGE!



LOVE YOU LOTS, MUM, DAD,
MISTER, COURT, AND THE GIRLS

Kelsey Shannahan

Dan:
Though you have grown and changed, the hat
still remains!
We are all so very proud of you.
Congratulations!



Love,
Mom, Dad and Britt

Dan McKenna

You stand tall in every way!



*We love you,
Mom, Dad & Cal '99*

Carl Noblitt

Best Wishes, Katie!
We are very proud of you!



**Love, Mom, Dad,
Tim, Maura & Bren**

Katie Lang



*Set your own
standards,
Reach your own
goals,
You've always
"measured-up"
in our eyes.*

Love, Mom & Dad

John Leonard



Christopher Kelley

*Congratulations,
Christopher.
You Made It!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Robert,
Mozart, Dennis, and
Seamus*

"Do not go where the path may lead,
Go instead where there is no path
And leave a trail"

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Garrett Lyons, Self-Portrait

Congratulations, Garrett!

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

May your future be filled with happiness and success.

Love, Mom, Dad, Larry, and Jonathan

Garrett Lyons

Great journeys begin with small steps



*From Hill House to Brookwood to G'DA,
What a wonderful adventure it's been!*

Congratulations, Katherine!

*We're so proud of you.
We love you very much.
Mom & Dad*

Katherine Harris

**Hey.....A.K.!!!
We're proud of you, too!**



*Hugs and Kisses
From
Ben & Owen
XOXO*



Katherine Harris



Congratulations, Andrew!
We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Daniel & Maggie

Andrew Lundquist

**Congratulations,
 Douglas**



You did it!

**Lots of love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Elizabeth and Caroline**

Doug Turnbull

**Reach for the
 Stars!**



**There are so many words to express
 how proud you have made us, but
 there's not enough paper!**

Love, Mom and Dad

Derek Brusin



Congratulations,
Greg!

Whatever road you choose
We're right behind you
Win or Lose...
Forever Young

Love, Mom, Andrew & Jackie

Greg Sylvia



"Seems like only yesterday!"
Congratulations!
Love, Nanny

Brooke Lynch

CARTER! YOU MADE IT!

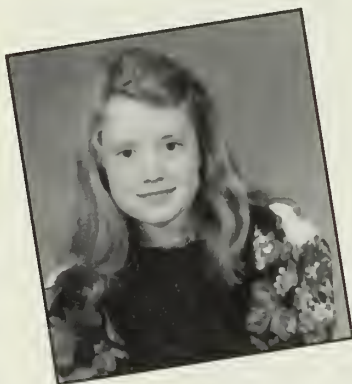


**Mom and Dad, Nattie, Greenis, Reido, Bert the Mert, Uncle Fred & Aunt Betsy.
Mother Teresa, Auntie Ashby, Rosebud, The Goodrich Hotel, Wendy & Melissa
The Hoggets, your 24 other uncles, aunts, and cousins, Dan Snyderman, Boulder
Bill, Duffy, Hammy (RIP), Beevis (RIP), & Pea Pea La Reaux (RIP).**



Carter Semple

Congratulations, Lindsay!
We're very proud of you.



Lindsay Clunie



Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lesley



Ty:
From your kindergarten graduation
to your high school graduation,
we have always been
very proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Tyler Youngblood

We're so lucky cuz
We have...

a mentor shower
a halo
an aurora
a nebula
an orb of night
a celestial oasis
and a noontide



All rolled into one.

How proud we are of you
and your classmates.

Congratulations, all!

Love you HG,
Mum, DDD, and Derek

Shannon Falvey



Congratulations, Gabby

You are bright and beautiful!

We love you,

Mom, Chris, and Kyle

Gabby Petraglia



David,

Contemplating the future?
It will be an exciting adventure.

Follow your dreams.

Thanks for a joyful ride so far.

We love you very much!

Love, Dad, Mom, and Grandma

David Spector



Josh,

You have been given this day to use as you will.
Waste it or use it for good. Today is important
because you are exchanging a day of your life for it.
When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever;
in its place is something that you have left behind...
let it be something good.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Elizabeth and Zeus

Josh Baumann

Congratulations, Cowboy!



Love,
Dad, Mom, Jamie, Pete

J.P. Phillips

Well Done, Claire!



We love you,
Mom, Papa, Cardine, Paul, Nicholas

Claire deLacviver

Congratulations, Peter!



With Love and Respect,
Mom, Dad, Lizzie and Watson

Peter Bildner



*Morgan, your bags are
packed, you're ready to go!
Good Luck!*

Love, Mom and Dad

Morgan Steir



MARC-
"LIVE LIFE AS AN
EXCLAMATION, NOT
AN EXPLANATION."

-ANONYMOUS

LOVE, MOM, DAD,
DANI, KERRY &
EMETT

Marc Bastarache

Enjoy The Search
For Your Corner of
the Sky

We Love You
Mom, Dad, Andrea,
Dan, Dylan, and
Your Boy Jacob



Laura Liacos



You are the Greatest!

The past 18 years you've grown from 22 inches long to over 6 feet tall! All the years that passed; you have filled them with happiness and laughter! You're a very special person that has the ability and the courage to do great things.

Good luck in college! We love you and are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Maria!

Taso Kapernekas

Congratulations, Champ!



We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Marc Borden



*Congratulations from one
alumnus to another!*

*Love,
Grandma and Grandpa*

Judah Thissell



CONGRATULATIONS, TIM!

Outstanding 4 years. We are all very proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Patrick, Casey, J.R., Spike and Samantha

Tim:

I thought you were signalling "FIELD GOAL," but I know now that you were excited about the golf ball and wanted to play 18.

*Love,
Dad*



Tim Johnson

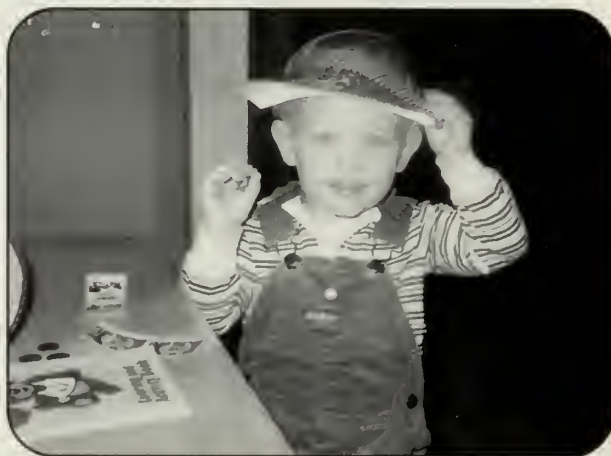


*Dear Jennifer,
Time has passed so swiftly, as we've watched
you grow into the young woman that you are
today. As our daughter, you have turned out to
be so much more than we could have ever
imagined, or hoped for. Thank you for all of
your love and for making us so very proud.*

*We wish you luck, happiness, success, and love.
Congratulations!
Love Always, Momma & Dad*

Jennifer Arno

**Congratulations,
Tim!**



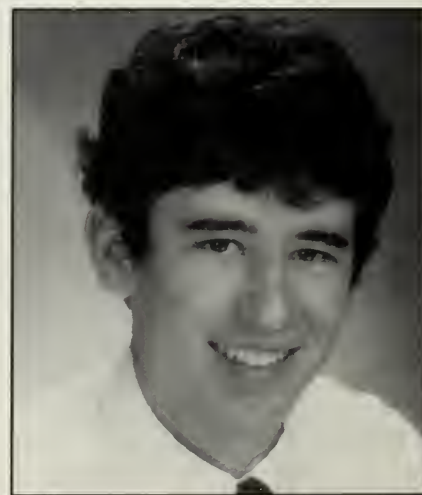
We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Max

Tim Hosmer

Two Down, One to Go!

Phil- From preschool graduation to high school graduation- you have made us proud! We hope your great way of looking at life stays with you and that you enjoy college as much as you do golf! We love you! Mom, Dad, Chris, and Julia



Phil McInnis

CONGRATULATIONS,
KENDRA



LOVE FOREVER,
MOM, DAD, KRISTEN
AND CAM

Kendra Wroblewski



Mike,
You make the world a brighter place to
live in!

Love, Mom, Dad & Kevri



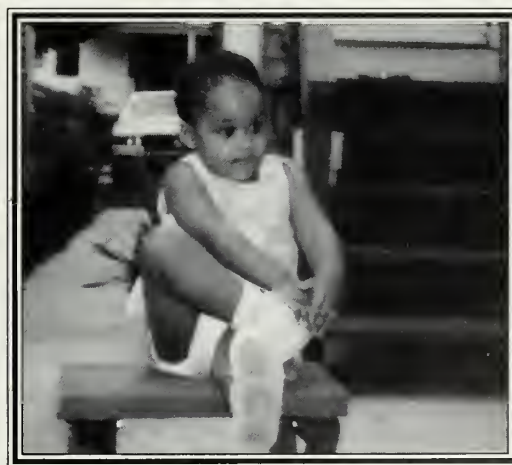
Mike O'Neill

It's on to the next course!



Congratulations, Kristen
We're so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Sarah

Kristen DeForrest



To my amazing 3rd's soccer top
scorer!
We always knew that you were
something special!

Love,
Mom, Gramp, Joy, A.I., and the rest
of the family

Erin House



"Today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and of every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day."

unknown

Ben,

We know how hard you have worked and are so proud of all that you have accomplished.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Lindsay & Tyler



Ben Gobin

WOW



Congratulations, Cardine

We are so proud of you-

Much Love, Mom, Dad & Andrew

Caroline Sillari



You have always been amazing to us.

Nosotros siempre estaremos unidos en nuestros
corazones y en nuestras mentes.

ilu.

Dad, Mom, Tim, and Sam



Michael Oxtan



You've weathered some tough storms with determination, compassion, and a unique
sense of humor! Keep your eye on the compass and your sailing will be smooth.

All our love,
Mom, Lauren, Nana, Grandad, and



Craig Bonaventura



Devan, You have filled our hearts with joy
and laughter. We are so proud of your
love, Mom, Dad, Chris & Sophie



Devan Berry



Libby Bernard

Congratulations Jackie!



*We are so proud of you and all
your accomplishments at GDA.*

All our Love,

Mom and Jess

Learning is its own exceeding great reward!

William Hazlitt

Jackie Ross



Congratulations, Dan!



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Ever since you were just a boy.
 You brought us and many others joy.
 Now you are a fine young man,
 but we have yet to see
 the **BEST OF DAN!**

Much love, Mom, Dad, Andrew & Lizzy





Stephanie,
We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Lauren,
Joanne, Lucy, and Sam

*"You're the top
You're the coliseum
You're the top
You're the Louvre Museum..."*

- Cole Porter



Dearest Susiana,

You've grown and learned so much in your four years at GDA. And I have learned something, too—the meaning of "pride and joy." Thanks Sweetie



I did it all by myself!

You are a shining star,
that's what you are.

- Mom

Susie Valverde

Thanks to the
GDA Allies for
their generous
support of the
2003 Milestone

Congratulations to the
Class of 2003!

We Did It!

-Dan & Lindsay



Anderson, Phil	35 Boardwalk One, Larkspur, CA 94939	Knapp, Maria	28 Elm St., Byfield, MA 01922
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Arno, Jen	56 Acton Rd., Westford, MA 01886	Lang, Katie	47 Oak Ridge Circle, Lynn, MA 01904
Basterache, Marc	21 Joel Cr., Lynn, MA 01904	LeBlanc, Alicia	7 White Pine Drive, Georgetown, MA 01833
Bates, Brandon	16 Walker Rd., Swampscott, MA 01907	Leonard, John	57 River Rd., Woolwich, ME 04579
Baumann, Josh	68 Lincolnshire Dr., Bradford, MA 01835	Liacos, Laura	288 Witham St., Gloucester, MA 01930
Bernard, Libby	18 Greenway Dr., Falmouth, ME 04105	Lundquist, Andrew	28 Dorian Dr., Bradford, MA 01835
Berry, Devan	47 Wm. Fairfield Dr., Wenham, MA 01984	Lynch, Brooke	7 Atkinson Rd., Salem, MA 03079
Bildner, Peter	5 Boardman Ave., Manchester, MA 01944	Lyons, Garrett	49 High Road, Newbury, MA 01951
Black, Jeffery	109 Colonial Dr., Andover, MA 01810	Marcoux, Allison	7 Regiment Drive, East Hampstead, NH 03826
Block, Emily	16 Apple Way, Stratham, NH 03885	McDonnell, Greg	24 Forrester St., Newburyport, MA 01950
Bohanon, Tim	29 Streeter Hill Rd., North Falmouth, MA 02556	McInnis, Phil	21 Rockrimmon Rd., North Hampton, NH 03862
Bonaventura, Craig	15 Thompson Ln., Topsfield, MA 01983	McKenna, Dan	25 Perkins Rd., Rye, NH 03870
Borden, Marc	833 Indian Rd., Glenview, Illinois 60025	McLaughlin, Barry	42 Fuoco St., Bellport, NY 11713
Brusin, Derek	6 Bromfield Ct., Newburyport, MA 01950	Mercer, Alana	221 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950
Burns, Oli	19 Kent Rd., Rose Bay NSW, Australia	Misra, Amrit	5 Tilton St. Newburyport, MA 01950
Carter, Steph	6 Lagomar Rd., Palm Beach, FL 33480	Monigle, Pat	24 Hillcrest Ave. Beverly, MA 01915
Chatchayanusorn, Forbes	29 Taksin 13 Rd., Buakkalo Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand 10600	Noblitt, Carl	51 High Ridge Rd. Boxford, MA 01921
Clunie, Lindsay	32 Woodland St., Newburyport, MA 01950	O'Malley, Meghan	21 Surrey Ln. Topsfield, MA 01983
Collins, Tyler	1 Monument St., Wenham, MA 01984	O'Neill, Mike	31 Pearson Dr. Byfield, MA 01922
Connaughton, DJ	51 Main St., Atkinson, NH 03811	Oxton, Mike	11 Barbara Dr. Amesbury, MA 01913
Cooney, Julian	1629 Lowell Rd., Concord, MA 01742	Peterman, Ann	64 Marlboro St. Newburyport, MA 01950
Cooper, Allen	43 Prospect St., Newburyport, MA 01950	Petraglia, Gabbie	1 Eisenhaure Ln. North Reading, MA 01864
Corbett, Sean	82 Atlantic Ave., North Hampton, NH 03862	Phillips, J.P.	11 Alexis Ln. Hampton Falls, NH 03844
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DiGuiseppe, Chris	208 Hart St., Beverly Farms, MA 01915	Semple, Carter	3604 Davis St., NW Washington, DC 20007
Dipple, Liz	15 Wyncrest Cr., Andover, MA 01810	Shannahan, Kelsey	510 Main St. West Newbury, MA 01985
Eaton, Brooke	30 Travis Dr., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467	Shealy, Andy	20 Christa Dr. Rowley, MA 01969
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Georgenes, Noel	33 Pickman Rd., Beverly, MA 01915	Spector, David	36 Surrey Ln. Topsfield, MA 01983
Glimore, Panda	95 Halls Mills Rd., Newfield, NH 03856	Steir, Morgan	3 Pine Knoll Dr. Atkinson, NH 03811
Gobin, Ben	14 Coach Rd., Stratham, NH 03885	Stokes, Gwyn	29 Pine Island Rd. Newbury, MA 01951
Gray, Jess	9 Dyer Rd., Beverly, MA 01915	Sylvia, Greg	15 High St. Beverly, MA 01915
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House, Erin	2 Pleasant Place, Cambridge, MA 02139	Weiss, Jon	159 Herald St. Pepperell, MA 01463
Hugo, Kate	41 Chestnut St., Marblehead, MA 01945	Wroblewski, Kendra	12 Judith Dr. North Reading, MA 01864
Johnson, Tim	42 Pinecliff Dr., Marblehead, MA 01945	Wyner, Hilary	20 Virginia Ln. Newburyport, MA 01950
Kapernekas, Taso	73 Tower St., Methuen, MA 01844	Yoo, Willy	Green Town Samsung Apt. 1307-301, Chung-Dong, Suwon City, 420-021 Korea
Kelley, Chris	22 Merritt St., Marblehead, MA 01945	Youngblood, Tyler	216 Oakridge Rd. Plaistow, NH 03865
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2002-2003

YEAR IN REVIEW

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

Thai Motorists Get Massages

Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.



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Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

WOR

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition. ▼

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants. ▶

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Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations. ▶



AP Photo

Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services. ▼

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

Nearly 1,000 people died when a Senegalese ferry traveling off the coast of Gambia capsized and sank. Investigators said overloading was the key cause of the disaster, which occurred when passengers moved to one side of the ship to take cover during a storm.



AP Photo Mikael Morken

In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.



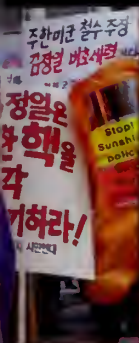
hot off the wire

Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes. ▶

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Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ◀



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How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Some things, but not many | 66.3% |
| 2. Every part | 21.7% |
| 3. It wouldn't | 12% |

LD NEWS



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Hu Jintao, who has plans to help China's poor, took over as China's Communist party chief from Jiang Zemin in the Communists' first orderly succession since 1949. China also allowed the United Nations unconditional access to investigate its treatment of human rights, a move the United States said meant China was sincere about improving its human rights record. ▶

NO WAR ON IRAQ



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Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war.

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections

would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they were weakened by hunger and exhaustion. ▶



SPECIAL ON IRAQ

THE WAR ON TERRORISM



Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero

site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the

United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns.

The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.

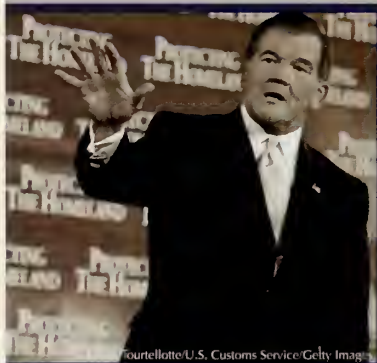
John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶



AP Photo/Cuy W.

Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲

The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶



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NATION



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The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶

SNIPER CAUGHT

Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images

Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼

Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, careened into the crowd.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase.

Highly publicized stories of missing children prompted talk of a nationwide Amber Alert system. The system, already in place in several states, is used to broadcast descriptions of missing children and their abductors over radio, TV and electronic highway signs. Some parents considered buying devices like the global positioning watch for their children as a precaution. ▼



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The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ◀



AP Photo/Wide World Photos



A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲

Think if you think
Bernard Law
should be prosecuted

Photo by Darren McColister/Getty Images

Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ▶



AP Photo/Roger Rasmussen

AL NEWS



AP Photo/Danny Gurdner

Sixty of Chicago's public schools received \$10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.



Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

Did you watch the first season of American Idol?

- a) Every week 19%
- b) Once in awhile 33.1%
- c) Never 48%



Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a \$1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie. ◀◀



AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson



David James/Miramax Films

Chicago danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated. ◀

Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song. U2's *The Hands That Built America*. ▶



Mario Tursi/Miramax Films

ENTERTAIN



Photo by Robert Mora/Getty Images

It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first *Harry Potter* movie. ▼▶



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AP Photo/Pontus Lundahl

Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelorette*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*. ▲

What was your favorite movie this school year?

1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
2. *8 Mile*
3. *XXX*

Spiderman sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. ▲



My Big Fat Greek Wedding, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only \$5 million to make and grossed more than \$200 million at the box office. ▼►

AP Photo/Reed Saxon

What was your favorite TV show this school year?

1. *Friends*
2. *The Simpsons*
3. *The Osbournes*

Don't Blame The Winston Man

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking \$65 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.

Celebrity Stalker For President

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a \$200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her. Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Nature In Swimsuits

National Geographic made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

COMMENT

Photo by Vince Bucci/Getty Images



The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of \$20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album. ▲

Die Another Day became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated \$47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World Is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent. ◀



Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

hot off the wire

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.

◀ A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts. ▼

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Each member of 'N Sync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶



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R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▼▶



Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images

What was your favorite album this school year?

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*



Photo by Emily Buckner/Getty Images

It Kind Of Sounds The Same

The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing 433 (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

STRANGE
BUT TRUE

Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

An anonymous bidder paid more than \$115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

Christmas Carol Court

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

George & John Philip To The Rescue

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

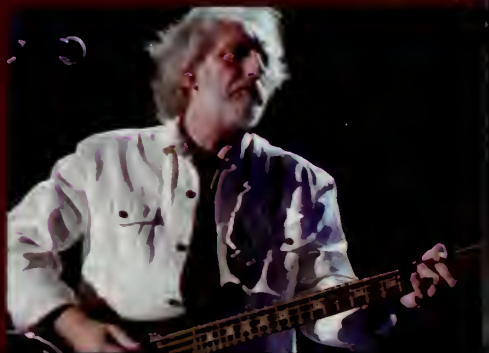
MUSIC

Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶



Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images

John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶





Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.

not off the wire

Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ◀▶▶



Published by Riverhead Books, Kurt Cobain: *The Journals* sparked a whole new debate on the life and death of the troubled, yet influential, musician. An 800-page volume, the book consists of 23 of Cobain's private diaries, written from 1987 up until his suicide in April 1994.

Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.

Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ▶



Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death: he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ▶



Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲



Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly

▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶
◀ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.





Richard Harris, classically trained actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ◀▼

Actor Christopher Reeve announced that he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶



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AP Photo Max Nash

Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶



Photo by William Cullin/Getty Images

Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Diesel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front – about \$112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶

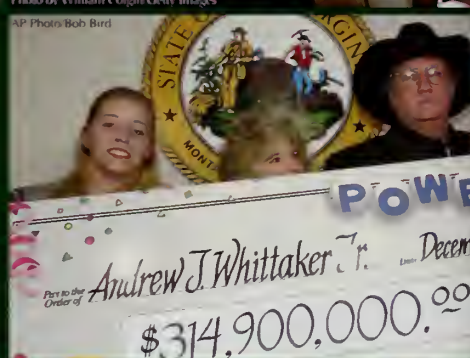


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Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲



Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge
Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.



You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a \$2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens.

Consider That Coaster Conquered

After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

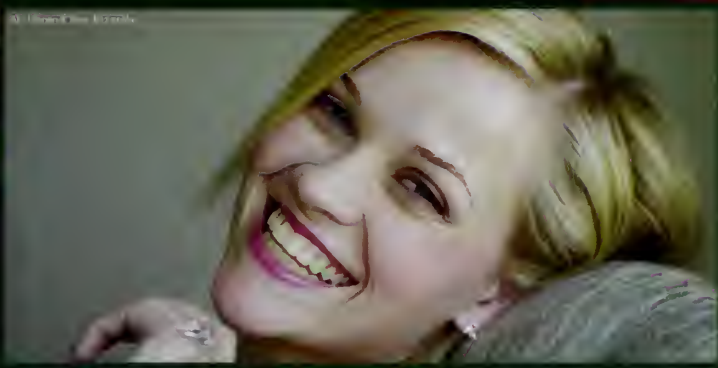
Some Like It Hot

Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfing and while hanging upside down from a tree.

Who was this year's best actress?

1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry

The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts. ▼



Time magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its

phony bookkeeping practices, Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper. ▲

PEOPLE

A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than \$5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying \$10,000 in fines and restitution. ▲



AP Photo/Spud

Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life. ▲

Lance Bass of 'N Sync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the \$20 million fare.



Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades. ▲

Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.





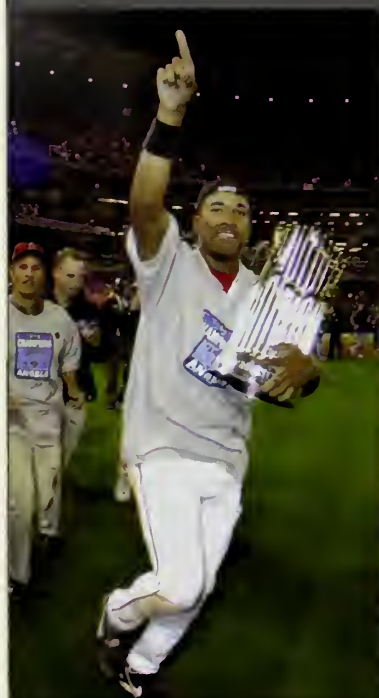
In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 20 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ◀

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼



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SPORTS



AP Photo/Kevork Djianizian

The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ◀▶



AP Photo



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Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ◀

What is your favorite sport to watch?

- a. Football 39.9%
- b. Basketball 23.8%
- c. Baseball 8.4%
- d. Soccer 7.6%
- e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶

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AP Photo/Tom Coughlin

Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks. ◀▶



AP Photo/Geoffrey Hwang

A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

That Kid's Got Guts

Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak. ▶

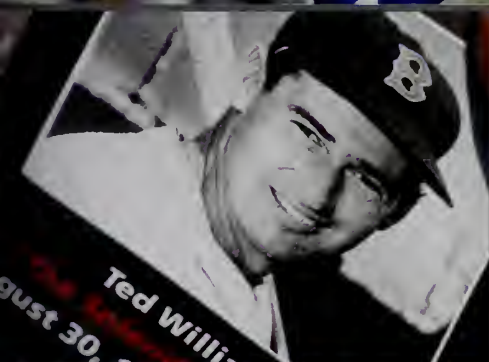


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Itzy Gutierrez

After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him. ◀



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Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen. ◀

Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.

Annika Sorenstam completed the most dominant season the LPGA Tour has seen in nearly four decades by winning 13 times around the world, including a major. En route to shattering her own scoring record, the 32-year-old Swede finished out of the top 10 only three times.



Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division 1-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.



The :-) turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient. ▼



FUN FACTS

Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.



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This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones. ►



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New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries. ►



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A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.

hot off the wire

Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years. ◀

Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige. ▶

So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor. Tamas Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide. ▶

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Just What The Vet Prescribed

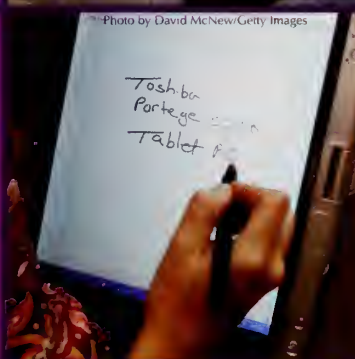
Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant. ▶

No Prey? Then You May Pass

Computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth. ▶



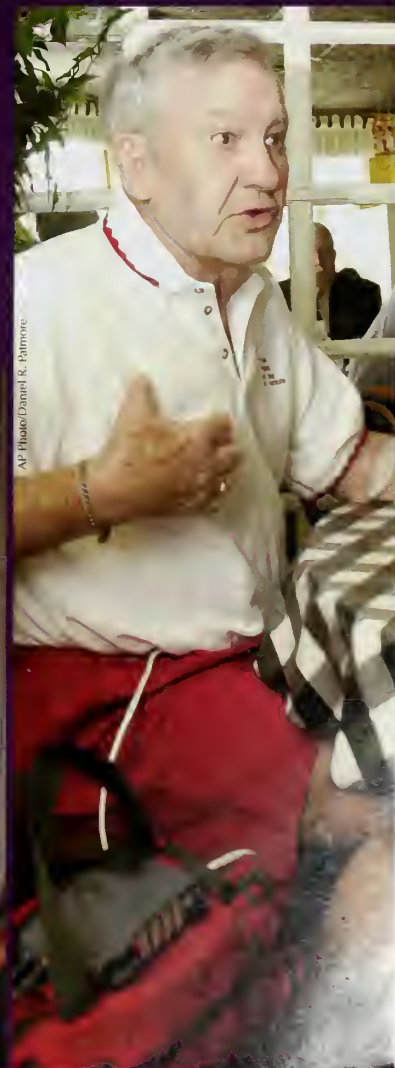
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Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about \$2,200. ◀▶

OGY

Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest. ▶



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A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost \$1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins. ▶

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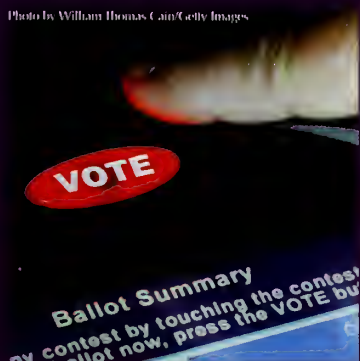
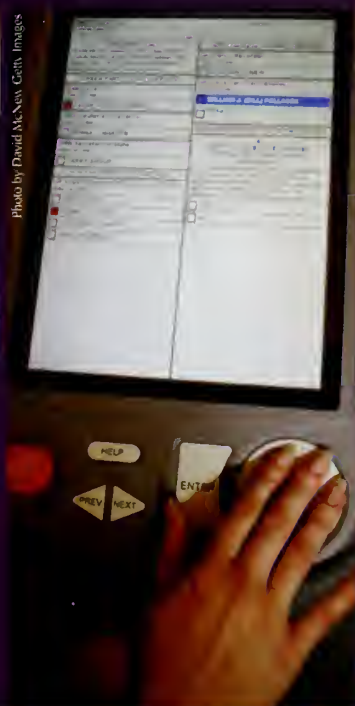


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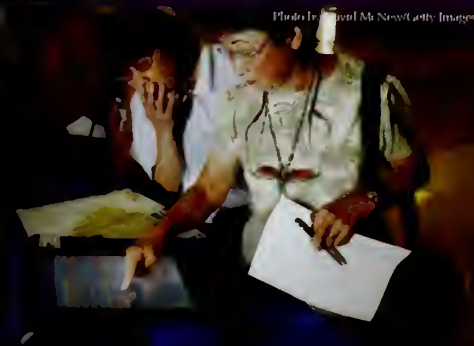


Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ◀▶▶

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Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts. ◀▶

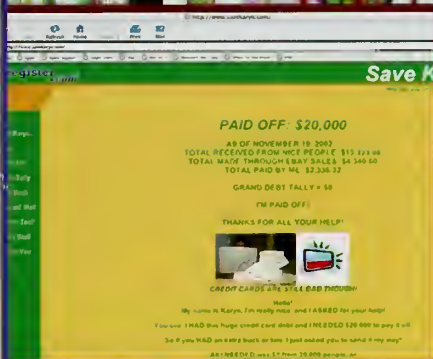


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The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. McDonald's cut the amount of bad fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger. ▶▶



People desperate for money turned to the internet to cyberbeg. One woman was able to pay off her \$20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money. ▶

TRENDS



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Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts. ▶

Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music. ▶

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